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I'm writing to submit my support for SB1530. This bill will provide support for those organizations who provide household furniture and all other items to furnish homes and apartments for those with no way to otherwise furnish their residence. This critical assistance from Furnish Hope in Bend, OR has helped hundreds of people in central Oregon establish a living environment after being homeless for some period of time.

When people find jobs they are directed to Furnish Hope and may request any items they may need for their new living situation. Beds, linens, couches, kitchen tables and chairs, lamps, dishes, pots and pans, utensils, area rugs, pillows - anything and everything needed to furnish a residence.

You can imagine how much this assistance is needed and appreciated by those who have been on the streets or living in cars or tents or at shelters in the area. Most of the clients who submit requests to Furnish Hope here in Bend have been homeless for some time for various reasons including loss of job, fleeing domestic violence, recovering from illness that caused loss of residence, recovering from drug or alcohol addiction, and other reasons why a person is homeless and is working once again towards a better life. SB 1530 will assure that these critical needs can continued to be met and urge you to support this important legislation.  
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!